

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AT O. B. K. A. CONVENTION.

As bee-keepers of Ontario we have again been favored with a fair crop of honey and of good quality, and we have received fairly satisfactory prices.

Owing to the extreme heat during part of June and July, the clover was hurt to a considerable extent in a great part of the province, and for this reason some of us did not receive the full crop that we hoped for, but in the eastern part of the province, where there was not such a good crop last year, they received it this year, so we can only say they deserve it.

As to the sale of honey, the demand seems to keep up; last year we had a call for honey from the West as never before, and it seems to have improved this year on all previous ones, as I am not aware of any one bee-keeper receiving an order of five cars of honey from one firm previous to this year, and that at good prices and practically before the honey was produced. Those of us who have only kept bees for a few years may not notice the difference in demand, but those that have been selling honey during the life time of this association, which is about thirty years, know that carload orders were unknown many years back. We must give the West credit for the wonderful increase in demand, and as the population increases there, we should prepare to supply their wants. To do this we must not forget that the quality of honey has almost all to do with creating demand. We are not boasting in saying that we are proud of the quality we can and do produce, and as to quantity per colony of bees, we seem to get as much as any other country we know of. We have found that some of our best bee-keepers have tried far away fields in bee-keeping, but one or two seasons seem to satisfy them and home they return to re-enter the arena here.

The Honey Production of the Province.

From the yearly reports we receive, we can make a fair estimate; and to say that 5,000,000 pounds were produced would be somewhere near the mark. This at first sight may seem an immense amount of honey, but if we supplied each person in our province with one pound, we would not have enough to give an equal amount to each person in the other provinces where honey is not produced to any great extent.

To What Extent Can Consumption Be Created?

As bee-keepers, we all know that our own families as a rule prefer honey to fruit or any other table delicacy (providing it is good honey), and we may fairly claim that each one of us consumes 20 pounds; if we would prepare to supply each person in Canada with one-fourth of this, or 5 pounds each, we would to-day require a production of 40,000,000 pounds of honey, as to-day's paper gives our population at 8,000,000.

Owing to the home demand for honey being so great, we have neglected the development of the foreign trade. In conversation with Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture a few days ago, he informed me that he had not found Canadian honey used and named as such in the hotels in London, England, but had found Swiss, Belgian, Hungarian, Californian and other foreign honeys, so it appears to us that there is a channel open to us now as never before to introduce our honey on the English and foreign markets. We all know that the Provincial Government has introduced Ontario fruit on the English market this season through their commissioner (who is ours), and have been exceptionally successful in the venture, and that with perishable goods. Surely we as bee-keepers can fairly ask for some attention in the same line as the fruit growers, and I would suggest that this matter be brought before the

Department of Agriculture ask their assistance in this matter.

We need not fear failure if we can have Agriculture at our back introduced in this way standing such as no could give it. We be send honey excelled b and only this should

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Foul brood, surely. to a considerable extent our duty is to try and that handle or attempt know what the disease cure it. To accomplish time and energy of our whether they hold position or not. We believe Brood Inspectors are a service in spreading in bee-keeping all over we can only say "let them be appointed to the position."

Our Provincial Apian lished at the Ontario A at Guelph where he has bee-keeping as never be use him in the way we periment for us. Any gestions we make will consideration and it w us to make them as pra To illustrate: It would